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S E C R E T SINGAPORE 2343

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3
TAGS: MILI/SN
SUBJECT: GOS APPROVAL OF P-3 STAGING FROM SINGAPORE

REF: (A) STATE 133762, (B) STATE 110376, (C) SINGAPORE 1256

1. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION REF A. APPEARS FROM THIS MESSAGE THAT SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT'S UNDERTAKING TO PERMIT STAGING (NOT "OVERFLIGHT" AS STATED REF A) OF P-3 AIRCRAFT THROUGH SINGAPORE IS BEING HANDLED AS ORDINARY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 11 FAM 723.7. IN REF C WE SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED WHETHER THIS UNDERTAKING SHOULD BE TREATED AS INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT SINCE IT WAS IN EFFECT UNILATERAL ACT ON PART OF SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT.

2. OUR CONCERN OVER THIS QUESTION IS A PRACTICAL ONE. AS WE POINTED OUT REF C, SINGAPORE OFFICIALS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WANT THEIR UNDERTAKING TREATED AS CLASSIFIED MATTER, AND DO NOT WISH IT KNOWN THAT THEY HAVE FORMALLY AGREED TO PERMIT P-3 STAGING. WE NOTE FROM REF A THAT THIS AGREEMENT APPARENTLY HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS. DOES THIS MEAN THAT WE HAVE UNILATERALLY DECLASSIFIEDSINGAPORE GOVERNMENT'S UNDERTAKING? WE ALSO NOTE THAT REF A WAS SENT UNDER "EAIR" TAG SUGGESTING THAT THIS UNDERTAKING IS BEING HANDLED AS CIVIL AIR MATTER, WHICH IT EMINENTLY IS NOT.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT WOULD REVIEW REF C AND CLARIFY STATUS OF THIS "AGREEMENT". SORRY ABOUT DELAY IN SUBMITTING ORIGINAL NOTE FROM SINGAPORE FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE DID NOT RECEIVE REF B (IN RESPONSE TO OUR REF C) UNTIL MAY 2, HOWEVER, AND NOTE WAS POUCHED DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING DAY.
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